

THE BARTHOLDI STATUE.

AN ENTERTAINMENT TO SECURE FUNDS FOR THE COMPLETION OF THE WORK.

The work of erecting Bartholdi's grand statue of "Liberty Enlightening the World," the gift of the French people to this country, will soon be begun in earnest, and the beacon light from Liberty's massive hand will throw its rays over the harbor from the lofty pedestal on Bedloe's Island in a very few months. The work of the American committee has been a long and tedious one, but it has been persistently carried out. With the co-operation of the American people all the money required to put the statue properly in place, with the exception of the comparatively small amount of \$15,000, has been secured, and there is now no known impediment to hinder the rapid progress of the erection of the great statue. The capstone of the pedestal was laid on Thursday last, thus completing this part of the work, which was the most important and difficult. The pedestal is now ready to receive the Bartholdi statue, and the statue itself, which has been in this country for several months, has been examined in all its parts and put in perfect order preparatory to its erection.

The work of putting up the colossal figure will be done under the personal supervision and direction of the gentleman who had charge of its preliminary erection and taking down in Paris previous to its shipment to this country. This gentleman is now on his way to New-York, having sailed from Havre on April 17, and will reach here about the middle of this week if the steamer makes her usual time. As soon as he arrives the final work of putting the pieces together on the pedestal will be begun and continued as rapidly as possible until its completion. The Twenty-second Regiment, of this city, has undertaken, in a spirit of patriotism, to raise the \$15,000 which is still required to erect the statue. In order to do this the regiment proposes to give a grand entertainment in Madison-Square Garden to-morrow evening, when Gilmore's Band will give a fine promenade concert, the regiment will give an exhibition bugle drill, and after 10 o'clock the audience will enjoy a dance for two hours. The entertainment itself will be attractive enough to draw the dollars from the pockets of the pleasure-loving public, and the patriotic object to be served should, and undoubtedly will, induce many to begin the round of Easter festivities by participating in this event. The American committee calls on all its friends to take this last opportunity to contribute to the erection of the statue, which is to stand at the entrance of the harbor for generations to come as the symbol of international good fellowship between the two great republics of the world.

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